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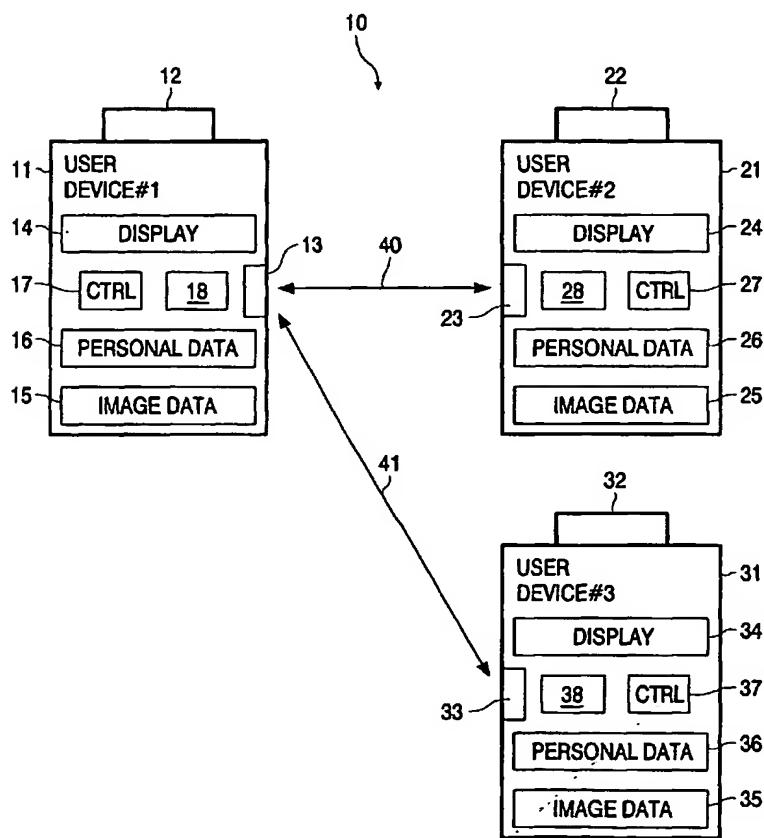
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(54) Title: IMAGE RECOGNITION



(57) **Abstract:** A system and method for obtaining information relating to a person, such as contact details, without face-to-face, verbal or other contact. The apparatus uses an image recognition system for obtaining personal information related to a target person, and includes: an image acquisition device (12) for capturing an image of a target person; a database of stored image data items (25,35) each relating to one of a plurality of candidate persons, each image data item being associated with stored personal data (26,36) relating to the respective candidate person; a search engine for matching the captured image of the target person to a candidate person image data item and retrieving the personal data relating thereto; a display device (14) for displaying the personal data relating to the target person; and control means (17,27,37), operable by each candidate person, to control third party access to the stored personal data relating to the candidate person.



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